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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 135**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members *Jackson, Pavley, and Richman*)**  
~~(Coauthor: Senator *McClintock*)~~  
*(Coauthors: Senators *McClintock and O’Connell*)*

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 135—Relative to the Ventura County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 135, as amended, Strickland. Ventura County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate that portion of State Highway Route 1 located in Ventura County as the “Ventura County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.” The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers and signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 is a north-south highway,  
2 spanning most of California, from the City of San Juan Capistrano  
3 to Mendocino County; and  
4 WHEREAS, A portion of State Highway Route 1 passes  
5 through Ventura County; and

1 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 has a strong historical  
2 significance for the military personnel of the Vietnam War era as  
3 ~~it passes beside a significant number of California military bases~~  
4 ~~on which military personnel were trained and dispatched to it~~  
5 *passes beside the United States Naval Weapons Station at Seal*  
6 *Beach, the United States Coast Guard Headquarters at Long*  
7 *Beach, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Point Mugu Naval Weapons*  
8 *Station, the United States Coast Guard Station at Oxnard, the*  
9 *Ventura County Naval Base, Camp San Luis Obispo Military*  
10 *Reserve, the Ventura County California Air National Guard Base,*  
11 *the United States Naval Reservation at Monterey, and Fort Hunter*  
12 *Liggett, from which military personnel were trained and*  
13 *dispatched to Vietnam; and*

14 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest United  
15 States veteran population in the nation, comprised of some 3.3  
16 million armed services veterans and representing 12.3 percent of  
17 the nationwide veteran population of nearly 27 million; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 350,000 California veterans served in  
19 the Vietnam War, which resulted in 40,000 of them being wounded  
20 and 5,822 killed or missing in action, representing more than 10  
21 percent of the nation's total casualties; and

22 WHEREAS, More California residents died in the Vietnam War  
23 than residents of any other state, and more Californians received  
24 the Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart than  
25 veterans of any other state; and

26 WHEREAS, The residents of Ventura County wish to express  
27 their gratitude and appreciation for the sacrifices these Vietnam  
28 veterans have made for their country; and

29 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that State Highway Route  
30 1 in Ventura County be designated as the Ventura County Vietnam  
31 Veterans Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
33 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates that*  
34 *portion of State Highway Route 1 located in Ventura County as the*  
35 *Ventura County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway; and be it*  
36 *further*

37 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to*  
38 *determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent*  
39 *with the signing requirements for the state highway system,*  
40 *showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations*

1 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those  
2 plaques and markers; and be it further  
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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